

## AMENDMENTS TO THE ABSTRACT

### Abstract

~~The invention concerns an~~ An implantable cardiac stimulator, ~~in particular a cardiac pacemaker or cardioverter/defibrillator (ICD), comprising~~ comprises a ventricular detection unit(VS) which is adapted to be connected to an intracardiac electrode and is ~~adapted~~ to record and detect ventricular events, ~~and a ventricular stimulation unit(VP)~~ which is adapted to be connected to a ventricular electrode and ~~is adapted~~ to produce ventricular stimulation pulses for delivery to the ventricle of a heart, and a control unit ~~which is~~ connected to the ventricular detection unit(VS) and to the ventricular stimulation unit(VP) and is adapted to actuate the ventricular stimulation unit(VP) in a VVI mode in ventricle-inhibited fashion in such a way that a ventricular stimulation pulse is triggered at a moment ~~in time~~ predetermined by a stimulation rate if it is not inhibited by detection of a natural ventricular contraction by ~~means of~~ the ventricular detection unit(VS) within a predetermined time ~~window, characterized in that the~~ window. ~~The~~ control unit is adapted to predetermine a stimulation rate, which is higher than ~~an in particular~~ intrinsic rate appropriate to the physiological demand.